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Examiner: Rachel S. Dicht

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed English translation of an Office Action dated September 9, 2005, issued by the Chinese Patent Office in a corresponding foreign application. The documents cited in the Office Action were already cited in the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 30, 2004.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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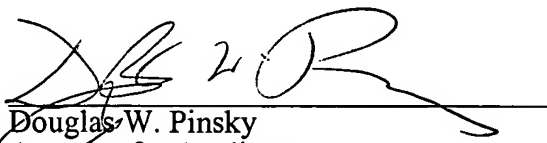
Applicants authorize any fee required for this Information Disclosure Statement to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that written acknowledgment be provided to Applicants' undersigned attorney indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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